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2003 NATIONAL CHIEFS' CHALLENGE APPLICATION

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OVERVIEW

The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide the highest level of safety, service, and security to the people of the State of California, and to assist governmental agencies during emergencies when requested.

California Highway Patrol personnel are guided by the Department's General Orders, a series of Highway Patrol Manuals, and the Command Management Plan (CMP). The CMP establishes a series of goals, objectives, and strategies directed toward ensuring the successful implementation of the Department's overall mission.

The Clear Lake Area Office of the California Highway Patrol (CHP), is staffed with 29 uniformed personnel, and is host to two Northern Division officers, as well as a civilian Motor Carrier Specialist 1.

The CHP has primary responsibility for traffic enforcement and the investigation of traffic collisions in unincorporated Lake County.

Lake County has a population of approximately 61,000 of which 28% are senior citizens.

According to the Lake County Area Agency on Aging, this is the highest percentage of seniors per-capita in the State of California. Lake County is also unique geographically. "Clear Lake," the largest natural inland lake located totally within California, is situated in the middle of the county. "Clear Lake" is 25 miles in length and 15 miles across at its widest point. The lake is surrounded by over 875 miles of roadway, comprised of four State Routes, a seven mile portion of freeway, and numerous county roads. Lake County's weather



ranges from heat in the low 100's during the Summer, to below freezing in the Winter with occasional snow. The average amount of rainfall is 18 inches a year. Current statistics indicate until recently, Lake County was a sleepy little country community. The main economy base of Lake County is agriculture and tourism.

INTRODUCTION

Identification of Area Traffic Problems

In 2000, the Clear Lake Area experienced a significant increase in vehicular traffic. Lake County was discovered to provide affordable living, and quickly became a bedroom community to the bordering counties of Napa, Sonoma, and Mendocino. Commute traffic within Lake County expanded exponentially. Driving under the influence (DUI) related incidents, speeding, and occupant restraint violations increased. The most disturbing increase occurred in fatal and injury traffic collisions. Fatal and injury collisions reached an all time high resulting in 26 lives lost in the year 2000.

In 2001, the County noted another area of traffic concern. The north side of Clear Lake, on State Route 20 (SR-20), experienced six pedestrian involved collisions, three of which resulted in fatal injuries. The primary collision factors in the collisions were speed, and alcohol or illegal drug related violations. The communities of Nice, Lucerne, Glenhaven, and Clear Lake Oaks have business establishments situated on the lakefront with SR-20 intersecting the business and residential areas. Subsequently, pedestrians under the influence of alcohol and/or illicit drugs walk while intoxicated into the path of vehicles.

The speed limit through the north shore communities is 35 miles per hour (MPH). The speed limit is 55 MPH prior to and after each community. Traffic consistently exceeds the safe speed for conditions.

Another traffic safety factor in Lake County is senior citizens' driving below the posted speed. This factor, combined with a lack of passing lanes on the majority of county roads, results in a high percentage of vehicles passing over double yellow lines, and serious injury traffic collisions. Speeding violations persist throughout the county.

The Lake County agricultural industry employs a large number of migratory farm workers between the months of July and December each year. The occupant restraint violations also increase during this period. The County



also has a higher than average unemployment rate, resulting in a higher number of older vehicles utilizing the

Problem Solutions



The Clear Lake Area continues to strive for long range solutions to address the growing traffic concerns. In October 2002, the Area was awarded a grant for a "Pedestrian Safety Corridor Project". This project focused on reducing pedestrian related collisions during 2003 along a 20 mile stretch of State Route 20, encompassing five communities. The enforcement efforts focused on speeding, DUI offenses, and pedestrian compliance with applicable law.

The Clear Lake Area actively participated in the 2003, California seat belt enforcement campaign, "Remember Or Be Remembered." The Area established an occupant restraint task force comprised of allied agencies, fire departments, education districts, Native American tribal representatives, and community representatives. The task force initiated a seat belt poster contest within all school districts in Lake County which is addressed in the Public Information and Education segment. The first enforcement week of the campaign was May 9-26, with the second during November 17-30. The Area issued 455 citations during the two operation periods and gave zero warnings for occupant restraint violations.

In 2003, the Area participated in four Office of Traffic Safety Grants. Two of the grants were specific to speed enforcement, Statewide Collision Reduction, and County Road Enforcement. The third grant was specific to DUI violations, Remove Impaired Drivers (RID).

The Area deployed 84 DUI Saturation Patrols throughout the year.

The fourth grant was proposed by the Clear Lake Area. This grant, the "Pedestrian Corridor Safety Project" focused on a major Area traffic safety concern, pedestrian safety on SR. 20. The location of this project covers 20.36 miles. The Area experienced six pedestrian traffic collisions in 2001, three of which were fatal and the primary collision factor was alcohol related. The goal of this project is to reduce fatal and injury involved collisions by 25% by June 30, 2004. Clear Lake developed a comprehensive safety program. The program included enforcement, public information, education, speed enforcement (saturation patrols), and roadway engineering. During 2003, the Grant

successfully decreased total traffic collisions on the corridor by 60% with zero fatal traffic collisions.



To address slow vehicle speed violations and other traffic violations common with senior citizens, the Area management team, the Community Outreach Program (COP) Officer, and Public Affairs Officer (PAO) worked together to create a Senior Education Program (SEP). SEP presents informational seminars to Senior Citizen organizations throughout Lake County. The Officer's created a document which outlines traffic concerns and vehicle code violations specific to the senior population. The Area created maps which indicate

alternative routes offering the seniors' choices in reaching their destinations.

In 2003, the Clear Lake Area continued participation in the Senior Volunteer Program (SVP). SVP is an integral part of the Senior Education Program. The senior citizen population in Lake County is working together to create a safer traffic environment for themselves. The Area also maximizes the deployment of the radar trailer by utilizing the Senior Volunteer Program (SVP), to place the radar trailer. Lake County has 23 schools that greatly benefit from this system.



Programs such as "The Chiefs Challenge" encourage Law Enforcement agencies to expand their horizons



and reach forward into the future. By accessing all available sources of information and sharing our common experiences and interest we will continue to improve our goals of "safety and service" to our respective communities. Clear Lake Area is proud to present its submission for the 2003 Chiefs Challenge.

POLICY AND GUIDLINES

The California Highway Patrol issues each of its members a General Orders manual. This manual contains departmental written directives and policies. The operations and administration manuals contain policy and guidelines that provide direction and guidance to its members. The above mentioned manuals directly address enforcement and safety issues.

Officer Seat Belt Use Policy

All departmental employees and their passengers are required to utilize seat belts and safety seats as appropriate, when operating a state vehicle; General Order 100.40



CHP Commissioner Spike Helmick has instituted a zero tolerance enforcement policy regarding seat belt and child safety seat violations.

Speed Control Strategies

All members of the Department are charged with the responsibility of taking action when motor vehicle violations are observed; General Order 100.68. The use of speed measuring devices i.e. radar is contained in HPM 100.4.

DUI Counter Measures

The General Orders encourages officers to be alert for DUI violations. This General Order along with HPM 70.4, establishes the use of DUI check points and saturation patrols.



OFFICER TRAINING

The Clear Lake Area is committed to providing the highest level of safety, service and security to the citizens of California. Our Area training program ensures officers are provided with the skills necessary to perform their duties effectively with emphasis on occupational safety. It is the objective of the Clear Lake Area to produce the most highly trained and motivated officers as feasibly possible, capable of exceeding the performance expectations of the Department.

During 2003, the following training was conducted with Area officers.

Occupant Restraint Enforcement Training

The Clear Lake Area takes a pro-active aggressive approach to seat belt safety by utilizing a combination of enforcement and education. This includes sources such as local newspapers, radio stations, and community forums. One enforcement tool the Area utilizes is the "community seat belt task force." This task force consists of various local agencies. The task force initiated a seat belt poster contest throughout the local schools districts. The posters of the top two winning contestants were combined to create a "remember or be remember" poster to be displayed at all local schools throughout 2003. This type of community approach contributes to the Area maintaining an average of 93.68% compliance rate in seat belt usage.

The Area is committed to the safety of the driving public in Lake County. In 2003, 100% of the officers were trained in child safety seat, passenger and adult restraint laws.

The Area Management Team consistently addresses the importance of occupant restraint enforcement on each officer's California Highway Patrol 100 form, monthly activity reporting.

Child Safety Seat Technician Class:

Two Area officers' re-certified as Safety Seat Technicians. The training consists of proper child seat placement and installation of each type of child seat. The training was certified by a departmentally certified Child Safety Seat Trainer. The re-certification allows the Area to conduct a weekly Safety Seat day and ability to teach classes in partnership with Lake County Public Heath Department. Area provides quarterly child safety seat checkpoints in partnership with Lake County Public Heath Department at various locations throughout the County.

Speed Enforcement Training Radar Certification

The Area has an officer assigned specifically to oversee the Area's radar program which enables us to maintain our radar equipment and training. Radar re-certification was held in 2003 at the Clear Lake Office for all Area officers. The ongoing recertification process ensures 100% of the Area officers are proficient and effective in radar enforcement of speed violations.

In order to insure maximum effectiveness of the Clear Lake Area radar deployment, the Community Outreach Program Officer, created an Area beat guide to assist the officers in targeting violation areas. This "community guide" was developed through community input obtained by the outreach

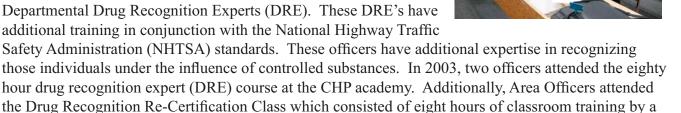


officer, while attending numerous informational forums, neighborhood meetings, open houses, business associations, and civic organizations. Through analysis of traffic collisions, violations by beat and utilization of the guide, Area and is able to deploy resources in the community where they will be the most effective.

Drug recognition expert training

departmental certified instructor.

The Clear Lake Area Office has an aggressive proactive DUI enforcement program. In addition to every CHP officer being highly trained in DUI, the Area has 12 officers that are also certified Departmental Drug Recognition Experts (DRE). These DRE's have additional training in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic



Drug Recognition Expert Instructor Class:

Two officers attended the 40 hour DRE instructor course at the CHP academy. The two officers corroborated with the Clear Lake Area command and CHP Academy staff to establish a field certification site in the City of Clearlake to certify new DRE officers. The additional enforcement during the training cycles will be beneficial to positively impact persons who drive under the influence of drugs.



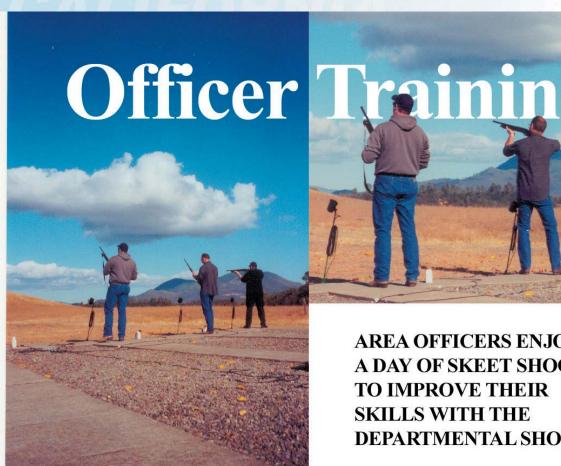
EPAS All Officers were trained using the new portable Electronic Prelimenary Alcohol Screening Device (EPAS). EPAS allows Officers to obtain a legal Blood Alcohol Level in the increasing the potential for DUI prosecution.

Solid Realistic Ongoing Verifiable Training (SROVT)

The Clear Lake Area has daily SROVT training which is conducted during roll-call briefing periods on a daily/shift basis. Additionally, during roll call briefings and training days, officers are reminded of the Area goals and the Departments mission regarding occupant restraint, speed, and DUI enforcement.

Traffic Accident Investigation Techniques training:

All but six officers in the Area are trained in Traffic Accident Investigation Techniques (TAIT Level 1) which includes specialized training in seat belt inspection and evidence gathering. This knowledge enables Area officers to determine if the occupants involved in traffic collisions were wearing safety restraints and the steps necessary to substantiate a enforcement action.



AREA OFFICERS ENJOY A DAY OF SKEET SHOOTING TO IMPROVE THEIR **SKILLS WITH THE DEPARTMENTAL SHOTGUN**

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

The Clear Lake Area maintains excellent rapport with media relations as part of its Public Affairs, and

Community Oriented Policing programs. Establishing a superior relationship with the media has allowed the Area to disseminate information on the mission and goals of the California Highway Patrol. Positive media relations created a professional reputation for the Department with the communities we serve. Having a positive image has allowed the Area to make contact with the Native American population in addition to community groups, schools, businesses, and allied agencies. Area personnel interaction with all these groups ensures a proactive and constructive relationship with the community.



During 2003, the Area continued with established programs as a proactive approach in using public affairs as a means to meet the Department and Area goals. The following is an example of the programs that are utilized.

MEDIA NEWS RELEASES

The Clear Lake Area developed a means to disseminate accurate and complete information to the media. All Area officers are briefed on the importance of timely submission of news worthy items. Officers complete a CHP 288 (Collision News Release) on all injury accidents or newsworthy events. The news release is faxed the same day or next morning by the Public Affairs Officer or the investigating officer or shift sergeant after hours when requested by a news agency. The information given includes occupant restraint usage, intoxication and a cause for the traffic collision. This information provides the public a reminder on the importance of occupant restraint usage, the adverse effects of alcohol when driving, and consequences of speeding while driving.

The Clear Lake Area is diligent in providing press releases as a means of providing relevant information to the public. The media receives press releases for all holiday Maximum Enforcement Periods, and the success of each of the four grants Area had operational during 2003. The press releases contain information on occupant restraint usage, alcohol and drug effects on driving, designated driver programs, numerous traffic collision causing violations and general information on defensive driving.

The media information has been well received by the community as evidenced by positive letters to the editor and persons who contact the Area Office in response to news articles.

Public Service Announcements

The Clear Lake Public Affairs Officer has established an outstanding working relationship with the six Area radio stations. The stations provide air time to publicize public safety messages. Public Service Announcements are prerecorded on numerous safety issues including occupant restraint usage, excessive speed hazards, and driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. These recorded message are played on KXBX (Lakeport), KUKI (Ukiah), KNTI (Lake County), KWNE (Sonoma County), Q106 (Lake County) and KPFZ (Lake County educational programing), during predetermined time slots and in conjunction with maximum enforcement periods. This avenue of advertisement allows us to reach a large percentage of the population in the County.

The Public Affairs Officer conducts live radio shows on specific public safety traffic topics. The public can call and ask traffic related questions. The Public Affairs Officer uses the live talk shows to publicize upcoming Sobriety Checkpoints and Child Safety Seat Checkpoints. The Clear Lake Area Commander and the Lake County Sheriff conducted a joint law enforcement safety video tape recorded safety program which is aired on LCTV, (Lake County television) the local news channel. The use of local technology is another way Clear Lake CHP reaches the motoring public to help reduce traffic collisions and impaired driving, and increase traffic safety awareness.

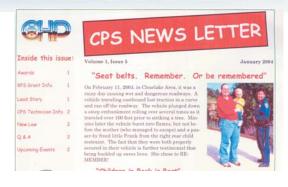
Occupant Restraint Education

The Clear Lake Area has taken a proactive approach to educating the public about occupant restraint usage.

The Area has two certified Child Safety Seat Technicians who take turns dedicating one day a week for seat inspections and installations at the Area Office. The Area also assists the Lake County School Districts conduct child safety classes in conjunction with the Lake County Healthy Start Program on a quarterly basis.

The Area Child Safety Seat Technicians conduct child safety seat checkpoints at the local Walmart, McDonalds, the Clear Lake Water Park, and the Lake County Fair Grounds during the yearly fair. The Area also conducts bike rodeos with the Lake County Schools, Lake County Native American tribal health and local Native American Rancherias. The youth receive instruction on the proper use of bicycles, bike helmets and occupant restraint usage.





The Area Participated in the "Remember or be Remembered" campaign which encourages motorists to buckle-up. Accident survivors who were wearing their safety belt at the time of their collision were also recognized.

Sober Graduation and the Every 15 Minutes Program

The Area Public Information Officer and Community Out Reach Officer are active in reaching and educating

the Lake County community on the hazards of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Information on this issue is dispersed through the use of local newspapers, radio/television stations, community events and forums. One such community event is the "Every 15 Minute" program. The Clear Lake Area is the lead agency for the Every 15 Minute and the Sober Graduation Programs. The next event will be conducted in April of 2004 at the Lower Lake High School. This program brings the reality of DUI related deaths home in a most dramatic way.

The Clear Lake Office designates volunteer officers to assist the Public Affairs Officer during the Sober Graduation parties to assist with planning and attend the functions. The Sober Graduation Program provides an alcohol and drug free social event for the graduating students. The Clear Lake Area has participated in both programs for the past five years and has not experienced one alcohol related teen fatality in four years.



Community Outreach Programs

The Clear Lake Area has effectively blended into the community by participating in numerous community outreach groups. These groups involve a wide range of the community allowing the Area to have positive impact on a diversified population. Members of the Area are involved in groups such as: Lions Club,

Soroptimist, Rotary, Lake County Elks, All of these groups have programs which focus on educating the public on alcohol and drug abuse, mileage death rate reduction (occupant restraint usage) and traffic enforcement in school zones (speeding) for youth, adults and senior citizens. The Area members assists these groups by participating in meetings, public speaking to service groups, writing articles for local newspapers and newsletters and forwarded their concerns to the Area Office. The Area Community Outreach Program Officer is actively involved with all these groups as well as numerous home owner organizations which allow the Area the ability to keep pace with the problem areas and concerns of a growing community.



The PAO conducts driver safety classes at high schools throughout Lake County for freshman and sophomores in preparation to receive a driver license. The Area Explorers accompany the PAO to provide peer support for the students.

The PAO coordinates Area participation at the Lake County Fair in August and the Lake County Business Fair in April. At both venues Area has an informational booth to teach traffic safety.

The PAO contributes news articles to the local newspaper bi-monthly, published under the column "CHP CORNER". The articles are specific towards public safety to reduce traffic collision injuries, fatal traffic collisions, DUI violations, and to increase occupant restraint usage.

DUI Enforcement Education

The Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol issued Commissioner's Communiqué #14 to emphasis the importance of reducing DUI/PCF traffic collisions. Every member of the Department supports the Commissioner's desire to increase DUI enforcement to help decrease the Mileage Death Rate in California.

The Clear Lake Area Office has an aggressive, proactive DUI enforcement education program. The PAO has an active high school program specific to the effects of drinking and driving. The officer utilizes DUI goggles and videos in order to educate the teenage population in the risks and hazards associated with DUI.

The Clear Lake Area has a progressive California Highway Patrol Explorer program. The Explorers are used as part of the DUI education program by assisting the PAO during presentations. Their presence allows the class participants to speak with peers at their respective age level. The feedback from parents is highly favorable for the program.



The Clear Lake Area office conducted two Sobriety Checkpoints in 2003. The two checkpoints resulted in the arrest of seven DUI drivers.

The Clear Lake Area actively supports the California Sober Graduation program. The PAO and Community Outreach Officer provide educational training and support fund raisers for the program.

The Area participated in the Sober California Grant that was operational January 01 to December 31, 2003.

Speed Enforcement Education

The Clear Lake Area office also houses the California Highway Patrol's Northern Division "Radar Specter" trailer. This trailer is shared with three other Northern Division Area offices. Clear Lake area has an officer

assigned specifically to oversee the Areas' radar program that enables us to maintain our radar equipment and training.

In order to insure maximum effectiveness of the Clear Lake Area radar deployment, the Community Outreach Program Officer created an Area beat guide to assist the officers in targeting violation areas. This "Community Guide" was developed through community input obtained by the Outreach Officer, while attending numerous informational forums, neighborhood meetings, open houses, business associations, and civic organizations. By utilizing this guide, Clear Lake Area is able to deploy resources in the community where they are needed most.



The Clear Lake Area office also maximizes the deployment of the radar trailer by utilizing the Senior Volunteers to deploy the radar trailer. The Senior Volunteers also use the "Community Guide" to deploy the radar trailer into targeted areas. Lake Counties 23 schools greatly benefit from this system.

The Senior Volunteers rotate the trailer to Area school zones in the early morning hours, (while children are arriving) effectively slowing down speeders. After school is in session, the Senior Volunteer returns to the school zone, removes the radar trailer and deploys it to a new location. By utilizing a cooperative community approach, the Clear Lake Area effectively addresses the speeding problem in Lake County as we deploy the maximum number of radar certified officers, and utilize the radar trailer to its fullest.

Occupant Restraint Education

The Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol issued Commissioner's Communiqué #03 to emphasis the importance of decreasing the Mileage Death Rate (MDR) in California. The Commissioner requested every member of the Department to take active, aggressive enforcement for non-compliance.

The Clear Lake Area takes a pro-active, aggressive approach to seat belt safety by utilizing a combination of enforcement and education techniques. The PAO and COP officers use local newspapers, radio stations, and community forums to consistently address traffic safety related issues. In 2003, the Area actively participated in the "Remember Or Be Remembered," state wide occupant restraint enforcement campaign. The Clear Lake Area established a community seat belt task force consisting of the local law enforcement agencies, fire districts, school districts, and a county supervisor board member. Achieving occupant restraint compliance is the single most important aspect to saving lives. This type of community involvement is one of the reasons the Clear Lake Area maintained a occupant restraint compliance rate of 93.68%.

The Clear Lake Area utilizes the "Rollover Simulator" during public awareness events throughout Lake County.

The Clear Lake Area of the California Highway Patrol is committed to the safety of the driving public in Lake County. Every Clear Lake Officer is trained in child safety seat, passenger and adult seat belt laws.

Clear Lake has two NHTSA certified Safety Seat Technicians. The Clear Lake Area Office schedules safety seat inspections every Wednesday, 1000 hours to 1400 hours. Clear Lake Area technicians work with the Lake County Department of Health, participating in Child Seat Safety Check Points. In 2002, the Area participated in three Safety Seat Check Points, two in the south County, one in north County, resulting in donating and installing approximately 50 child restraint systems.

All but six Clear Lake Area Officers are trained in Traffic Accident Investigation Techniques (TAIT Level 1) which includes specialized training in seat belt inspection and evidence gathering. This training enables Area officers to determine if the occupants involved in collisions were wearing occupant restraints correctly at the time of the collision.

The Pedestrian Safety Corridor Grant Education

The Clear Lake Area obtained a grant through the Office of Traffic safety to increase pedestrian safety on State Route 20. Area conducted 14 public training seminars to educate the public on the hazards of driving and walking intoxicated and speed issues.





Officer Recognition

The Department fosters and maintains a continuous program for extending official recognition to personnel who perform act of meritorious service or accomplish outstanding achievements. HPM 150.1 Chapter One.

The Clear Lake Area presented commendable incident reports for those officers whose activity in the area of occupant restraint, DUI, and speed enforcement surpassed the shift averages on a quarterly basis.

One Clear Lake officer's above average DUI enforcement resulted in his nomination to receive the 2003, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), award for outstanding DUI performance. The officer arrested 84 DUI drivers.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

The Clear Lake Area officers concentrate their efforts on the traffic violations which cause the highest incident of traffic collisions on their assigned beat. The Clear Lake Area conducts saturation patrols to address specific problem areas using overtime resources available from several grants. Removing Impaired Drivers (RID), California Collision Reduction (CCR), Statewide Traffic Collision on County Roads (STCCR). These grants allowed officers to focus their enforcement effort on traffic violations which reduce the mileage death rate.

Verbal Warnings

The Department of California Highway Patrol has a procedure to issue a verbal warning. It is used when a violation of law is observed but the officer is not certain of the accuracy

of his/her observation regarding the elements of the violation or when in



his/her professional judgment such action is deemed proper. This enforcement action shall be accomplished by stopping the vehicle and discussing the unsafe act or omission with the driver. HPM 100.68, Chapter One, Patrol and General Enforcement Guidelines.



The reason for the warning is not accessible in a data base and thus the Area listed "0" on the entry form to the Chiefs' Challenge in the area of verbal warnings issued.

For the California Law Enforcement Challenge, the Clear Lake Area chose three months which reflect the Area's commitment in attaining Departmental Goals. The following information reflects the three highest month's activity in each category.

Occupant Restraint Enforcement

Table 1 illustrates the enforcement efforts in the areas of occupant restraint and child passenger safety combined during the months of March, April, and May 2003, and compares these to the same months in 2002.

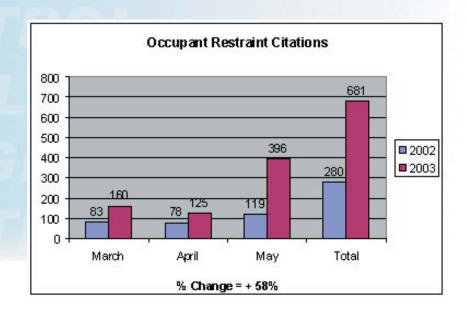


TABLE ONE

Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Arrests

Table 2 illustrates the enforcement efforts in the area of DUI enforcement made during the months of March, May, and June 2003, and compares these to the same months in 2002.

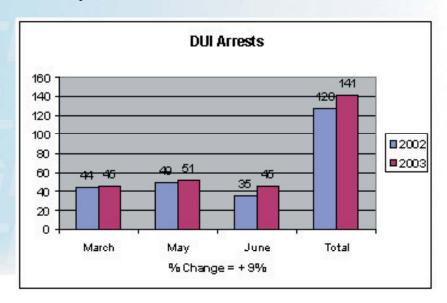


TABLE TWO



Speed Citations

Table 3 illustrates the enforcement efforts in the area of speed enforcement made during the months of March, April, and May 2003, and compares these to the same months in 2002.

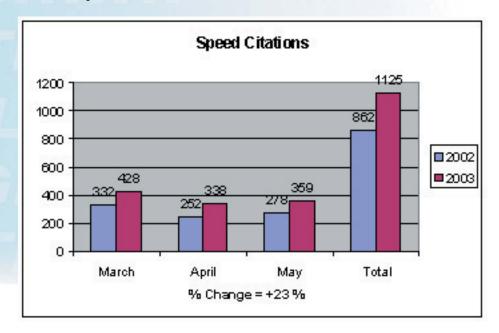


TABLE THREE



Verbal Warnings

Table 4 illustrates the enforcement contacts which resulted in a verbal warning during the months of January, May and July 2003, and compares these to the same months in 2002.

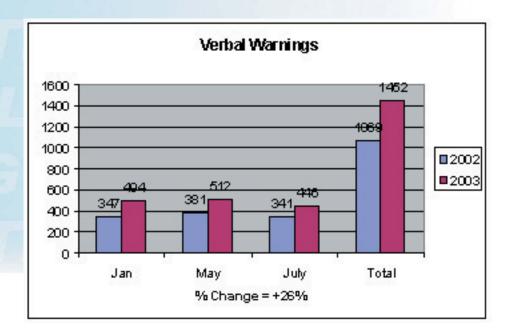
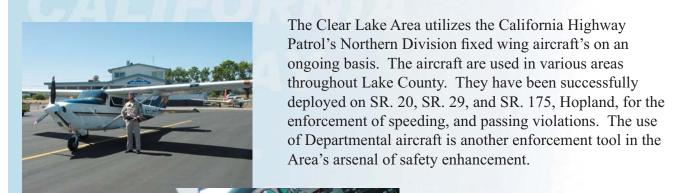


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CLEAR LAKE AREA EFFECTIVENESS OF EFFORTS

The Clear Lake Area determines its effectiveness in traffic safety by the Mileage Death Rate (MDR), the measure of traffic fatalities per 100 million miles traveled. In 2003, the Clear Lake Area MDR decrease to .043, from .067 in 2002. This decrease is a direct result of the emphasis placed on training, public information, and enforcement targeted toward impaired driving, speeding, and occupant restraint.

In 2003, the Clear Lake Area continued the practice of quarterly seat belt surveys. The Area conducts the surveys at several locations on County Roads and on a State Route. One hundred vehicles are survey at each location.

Some of the Clear Lake Area accomplishments are summarized below.

Seat Belt Usage

The occupant restraint usage rate was 93.68% in 2003, compared to 92.70% in 2002, an increase of 1.0%.

In 2003, the Clear Lake Area issued 681 enforcement documents for occupant restraint violations during the identified three month period, compared to the 2002 total of 280 citations.

The Clear Lake Area increased occupant restraint violations during the identified three month period by 58% in 2003.

The Clear Lake Area participated in several child safety seat checkpoints and conducted child safety seat training classes in conjunction with Lake County Health Department.

Fatal and Injury Traffic Collisions

Due to the diligent enforcement effort of the Area officers, the seat belt compliance rate has increased as the DUI and speeding driver traffic collisions has decreased. Speed related PCF remained the same as 2002. The Clear Lake Area conducted focused enforcement during maximum enforcement holiday periods which contributed to the overall decrease in traffic collisions. The success of the Clear Lake Area to increase motorist safety is shown in the following statistics comparing 2002 to 2003.

	2002	<u>2003</u>	Percentage difference
Total number of collisions-	679	662	-2%
Total fatal and injury collisions:	279	236	-18%
Total alcohol related collisions:	142	97	-46%
Total fatal and injury, alcohol:	88	43	-51%
Total speed related collisions:	119	105	.13%
Total fatal and injury, speed:	46	46	.00%

The California Highway Patrol conducts maximum enforcement periods during holiday periods.

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